(d) the number of such women labour force in 1999-2000 and 2004-05;

(e) the contribution of the said labour force in the national income; and

(f) in what manner Government define this contribution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Persons who operate their own farm or non-farm enterprises or are engaged independently in a profession or trade on own-account or with one or a few partners are deemed to be self-employed in household enterprises.

(c) and (d) The estimated number of women workers engaged in different agricultural operations in rural areas was 2,72,40,738, during 2004-05 survey. This figure was 2,93,08,675 during 1999-2000 survey.

(e) Gender-wise information on the contribution of women employed in agriculture sector to national income is not maintained.

(f) Does not arise in view of (e).

Recruitment of domestic helpers

3763. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of private agencies are recruiting domestic helpers through advertisement in papers; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider for compulsory registration of those private players, as well as the domestic helpers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Private Sector employers are free to make recruitment from any convenient source.

(b) To safeguard the interest of job-seekers, Ministry of Labour & Employment have issued guidelines to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to consider regulation of the functioning of Private Placement Agencies, as per local needs.